

**Introduced by Senator Beall**

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Senate Resolution No. 74—Relative to Infrastructure Week.

1     WHEREAS, The week of May 16 through 23, 2016, inclusive,  
2     is being observed at the state and national level as Infrastructure  
3     Week; and  
4     WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week represents the largest, most  
5     diverse, nonpartisan coalition of organizations representing  
6     America’s business, labor, and policymaking leadership from all  
7     sectors of America, the economy, and civil society dedicated to  
8     strengthening America’s competitiveness by building and  
9     rebuilding our infrastructure systems; and  
10    WHEREAS, During the week, focused advocacy, media  
11    coverage, and other efforts around the country will tell the story  
12    of America’s infrastructure and its impact on our communities,  
13    economy, and quality of life; and  
14    WHEREAS, California’s infrastructure also is aging and presents  
15    a public safety and quality of life issue for all residents; and  
16    WHEREAS, Many of the bridges and highway roads in  
17    California were constructed more than 50 years ago and, according  
18    to “The Road Information Program,” driving on deficient roads  
19    costs California motorists a total of \$44 billion annually in the  
20    form of additional vehicle operating costs, congestion-related  
21    delays, and traffic crashes; and  
22    WHEREAS, It is not uncommon to have 100-year-old water  
23    mains running throughout towns, and the state estimates that  
24    California’s water distribution systems lose up to 228 billion  
25    gallons annually — more than enough to supply the entire city of  
26    Los Angeles for a year; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers gives  
2 California's infrastructure an overall rating of "C" and calls for  
3 additional investments to maintain and continue to improve  
4 California's infrastructure through 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, It is recognized that the success of California over  
6 the past 100 years can be traced to its highly advanced  
7 infrastructure system consisting of the interstate freeway network,  
8 bridges, State Water Project, electrical distribution grid, and  
9 wastewater treatment facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, According to studies such as a May 2014 report  
11 from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, every dollar invested  
12 in infrastructure generates nearly two dollars in economic output;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, California leaders recognize the importance of  
15 investing in infrastructure now to avoid future problems; and

16 WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week challenges policymakers and  
17 the public to address head-on the challenges facing infrastructure  
18 in the United States, to move beyond short-term fixes and deferred  
19 maintenance, and to envision the innovative solutions, technologies,  
20 policies, and investments that will improve America's infrastructure  
21 today and for the future; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
23 hereby recognizes the week of May 16 through 23, 2016, inclusive,  
24 as Infrastructure Week in the State of California; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.